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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. All of the documents have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending, commonly assigned patent applications:

amb U.S. Patent Application No. 10/778,023 to NAKATA et al., entitled "Focus Detection Device," which was filed on February 17, 2004;

amb U.S. Patent Application No. 10/778,130 to NAKATA et al., entitled "Focus Detection Device," which was filed on February 17, 2004; and

amb U.S. Patent Application No. 10/778,076 to NAKATA, entitled "Focus Detection Device," which was filed on February 17, 2004.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-noted applications are attached. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.